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MEMORANDUM FOR THE MEMBERS, SUBCOMMITTEE ON TELECOMMUNICATIONS
AND NETWORK SYSTEMS SECURITY

SUBJECT: Approved Minutes of the First Meeting of the
Subcommittee

REF: COMSEC 8-/13, dtd 28 Jan 82, Subj: Second Meeting of
the Subcommittee

1. Attached are the approved minutes of the first meeting
of the Subcommittee, first submitted to you in the referenced
memorandum.

2. Please note that one change was requested by
Mr. Epperly in paragraph 4, six lines from the bottom of
the page: "case-by-case review, and with contractor ADP
in the Defense Industrial Security Program systems alone, ..."
(vice "in industrial").

Executive Secretary

Enclosure

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NCSC Members and Observers

15 January 1982

1. The first meeting of the Subcommittee on Telecommunications and Network Systems Security was held on Monday, January 11, 1982 at the Pentagon. Mr. Steve Walker, Chairman, opened the meeting by commenting that the Subcommittee was formed as a result of a recommendation contained in the final report of the Computer Security Working Group dated July, 1981. He cited the memorandum signed by Mr. Don Latham, Chairman, NCSC, dated 23 October 1981, which formally established the Subcommittee. Mr. Walker felt that one of the first things the group should look at is whether the scope of responsibility as stated in that paper was too broad.

2. Mr. Walker stated that the Subcommittee will have a divergent set of problems to deal with, and that he hoped to be able to raise issues to levels high enough to get the necessary attention focused on them. He asked that the Subcommittee not be afraid to surface problem areas that may appear to be beyond the Subcommittee's authority, as it could be an effective channel to get these issues elevated to the NCSC and beyond.

3. Mr. Walker said that he wanted the formulation of the charter to be the first order of business, and that he would like to complete it as soon as possible. He suggested that the charter for the Secure Voice Subcommittee (SVS) could be adapted for this group with the exception of paragraph 6, which deals specifically with the SVS. He asked everyone to consider what the charter should contain, and to contribute thoughts, sentences or an entire draft charter. Mr. Walker urged everyone to contact him or Rudy Sgro of his staff as soon as possible with their suggestions.

[] NSA, suggested that he, Dr. Krell and Mr. Epperly, as STAT
Chairmen of the three groups within the Computer Security Working Group
(CSWG), should be involved in the formulation of the charter.
Mr. Walker agreed to this this suggestion.

4. Copies of the proposed national policy on Protection of
Telecommunications Systems Handling Unclassified National
Security-Related Information were handed out at the meeting.

Mr. Walker informed the group that he had been briefed on this
policy by [] of NSA. He suggested that the Subcommittee STAT
participants look the draft over, and if there were items of
concern to them, they should contact their NCSC staffer. Mr. Johnson,
Treasury, said he felt the policy was a good one, and that he had
found NSA expertise in this area to be of great value. LTC William
Chantelau, Army, asked if there would be a list similar to the
Preferred Products List (PPL) for DES. Mr. Walker was not sure what
NSA intended to do in this area, but said that [] told him they STAT
were not really planning on something comparable to the PPL, but rather
that information on certification of equipments would be available
through the NCSC. Mr. Epperly, DoD, felt the rewrite was an
improvement, and asked if NSA really appreciates the volume of items
involved. He pointed out the the previous draft had specified a
case-by-case review, and with contractor ADP in the Defense Industrial
Security program systems alone, this would total more than 4,000. ✓
Mr. Epperly felt the practicality aspect of this version was a
significant improvement. The subject was raised as to how quickly
these procedures could be implemented, and Mr. Johnson said that he
felt it could be done immediately, and that Treasury had never
experienced a delay.

5. Mr. Walker suggested that the reports from the subgroups of the CSWG should be discussed as soon as possible, and said that he would try to arrange to have the three principals present their conclusions to the group, perhaps at the next meeting.

6. The Chairman also brought up the subject of computer networks, and the question of how to protect unclassified national security-related information. He also thought that protection of classified information in computer networks should also be within the group's purview. Access control issues and the BLACKER system were also mentioned as items of possible concern. Mr. Walker thought we should be aware of these types of things, and suggested that a briefing on BLACKER would be a good idea.

7. Mr. Johnson felt that the entire ADP area should be discussed, and that in particular, BI's, polygraphs, and methods used to handle information once it is transmitted must be given close scrutiny. Mr. Walker noted that we must have effective administrative/procedural security.

8. The discussion turned again to the subject of the charter. Mr. Johnson felt that the charter should be as broad as possible. Mr. McClelland, NCS, said that the charter should be broad enough to address the problem of malicious disruption of a telecommunications system. Mr. Walker asked which areas should be considered beyond the boundaries of the Subcommittee, and Mr. Johnson said he thought there were none, if handled properly.

9. Mr. Johnson felt there was a real need to develop a common document to certify an accredited system, similar to DCID 1/16, (Security of Foreign Intelligence in Automated Data Processing Systems and Networks), and offered to take the lead in developing a draft policy statement. He asked that NSA participate as well. Mr. Johnson felt he would be able to have a first draft of this policy statement by the next meeting. He said he would not exclude telecommunications from it, and would use DCID 1/16 as a point of departure.

10. Mr. Epperly said he thought it was important to stress non-DoD participation in this formulative stage, as the preceding working group had been very heavily represented by Defense. He offered to contact some of the non-DoD agencies that should be involved to urge their participation.

11. In discussing the upcoming meetings, Mr. Walker said he thought it might be worthwhile to have a briefing on the DoD Computer Security Evaluation Center, and another on the DES policy.

12. Mr. Walker closed the meeting by saying that he hoped the Subcommittee would be very active, and that he planned to meet monthly if possible. He set the next meeting for February, at a time and place to be announced.

13. A list of attendees is attached.

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